



Minutes

<u>Meeting</u>	Regular Council
<u>Date</u>	07-Sep-21
<u>Time</u>	7:00 PM
<u>Place</u>	Municipal Hall - Council Chambers and by electronic means

<u>Present</u>	Mayor Martin Davis	
	Councillor Bill Elder	
	Councillor Sarah Fowler	by video
	Councillor Cheryl Northcott	
	Councillor Lynda Llewellyn	by video

<u>Staff</u>	Mark Tatchell, Chief Administrative Officer	
	Ian Poole, Director of Finance	by video
	Shelley Debruyne, Administrative Coordinator	by video
	Janet St-Denis, Finance and Corporate Services Manager	by video

<u>Public</u>	5 public members	by phone/video
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A. Call to Order

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Mayor Davis acknowledged and respected that Council is meeting upon Mowachaht/Muchalaht territory

B. Introduction of Late Items and Agenda Changes

Email from Councillor Northcott regarding cutting off vehicular access to the Leiner riverbed and Leiner Campground as well ATV's access to the foreshore under New Business as "M2".

C. Approval of the Agenda

Elder/Northcott: VOT 0303/2021

THAT the Agenda for the September 7, 2021 Regular meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

D. Petitions and Delegations

None

E. Public Input # 1

None

F. Adoption of the Minutes

- 1 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on August 3, 2021

Elder/Llewellyn: VOT 0304/2021

THAT the Regular Council Meeting minutes of August 3, 2021 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

J. Council Reports

Mayor Davis (written report)

This spring, our property assessments came back with changes of assessment ranging from 62% increases to a 12% decline, with no clear rationale as to the huge discrepancy in such a small community. We raised this issue and are awaiting a response. The BC Assessment Authority staff inspected 28 properties that were sold over the last year or so or are listed for sale. They also inspected properties that Village staff and Council had identified as having questionable assessed values. Staff findings will be reported to the Deputy Assessor responsible for the North Island. We will be following up on this.

Since our last meeting, two major water leaks have occurred and both have been repaired. We are already seeing a noticeable drop in consumption.

The first phase of the flood control project has been completed with the construction of the water catchment pond off Alpine View. When there are extreme flood events, this will catch water behind the dike and it will then be pumped back into the river. The next phase will involve strengthening and levelling the dikes around the lower part of town.

I have been involved in ministerial meetings starting today, along with Deputy Mayor Fowler and our CAO, Mark Tatchell. These are useful in advocating for the community and clarifying issues that arise. Today we met with the Ministers of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, Environment and Climate Change Strategy, Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, as well as staff from BC Emergency Health Services. One of the good news items is that we will have four regularized paramedic positions, that is, .75 full time equivalent. This includes a unit chief, another primary care paramedic and two community paramedics, all scheduled on-call positions.

As you might have heard, the campfire bans have been lifted in our region. We are so lucky to have avoided the apocalyptic situations that so many of our communities in the interior have suffered through. Indeed, I can only recall one or two days this summer where smoke from distant fires were noticeable.

The proof of vaccination requirements announced by the Provincial Health Officer on August 23rd come into effect on Monday September 13th. Public communication will be issued next week so Tahsis Recreation Centre users will know that proof of vaccination is required to access the facility, except for those participating in youth recreational sports. The information to date does not address whether the proof of vaccination rule applies to meetings of elected officials (e.g., municipal councils). The July 7, 2021 Public Health Order on Gatherings and Events specifically exempts these meetings. People visiting from outside of B.C. are also required to show proof of vaccination. Look at the BC government homepage for more specific information and instructions for obtaining the proof a vaccination card, which is also available as an app on your phone.

I am sure many of you have heard of the truck that sank in the Leiner River. Two individuals were involved. They drove across the river at Pete's Farm and were driving around the gravel flats on the far side. When they tried to return, the river, which was up a bit with recent rains, pushed them over into a deep pool which currently has salmon in it. They were lucky to get out with their lives and were quite shaken up. This was an almost terminally stupid maneuver and the loss of fuel and other oils to the river can be damaging to the fish and the environment in general. It has become obvious that we can not expect all people to use common sense and we will have to be blocking access to the river at least, if not the farmsite. I have also seen this happen at the Leiner campsite and there are also ATV's driving along the flats at low tide out beyond the Leiner estuary trail. This is particularly bad as it crushes the shellfish along the beach and drives away wildlife who depend on the estuary for food. I have notified the Mowachaht Muchalaht First Nation as people are using their reserve for access and they will be taking steps to block it.

In the last few days I have been working with Shorebird Expeditions on beach cleanups out at the west coast. This effort, funded by the federal government and non-profits, generated a massive amount of trash that has washed up on beaches. Items removed included styrofoam floats, buoys, water bottles, ropes, tires and boat fragments. These cleanups have been going on for several years along the outer coast. Most of this garbage is locally generated although in the past we have seen huge influxes of debris from Asia, mostly from tsunamis.

Lastly, I would like to note the passing of Jackie Baker, a long time resident of Tahsis. She would often come to my place for visits and tea, but when her health declined, I would go down there to visit and to help her purchase things at the store. Condolences to her family.

Councillor Elder

No report

Councillor Fowler (written report)

In addition to the letter below which was published (with the help of a Climate Caucus contact) on my website in August, I have had many cabinet minister meetings today (regarding issues surrounding correspondence items L3 & 5 of tonight's agenda) and have three more scheduled as part of the UBCM 2021 virtual forum. It pleases me to report I have the opportunity to continue in my role as Small Community Representative on that executive board. I would also like to pass on my deep condolences to the family and friends of long time Tahsis resident, Jackie Baker.

07-Sep-21

Dear Federal Candidates;

Simultaneous unprecedented emergencies across the country make an interesting backdrop for a federal election. Meanwhile elected officials in our local government are struggling to keep residents safe and alive.

Without the federal government carrying their weight on climate action, it is becoming increasingly difficult for locally elected officials to deliver on their mandate to foster social, environmental, and economic wellbeing for all residents. This is exemplified by the western Canada heat wave, which killed 500 people and led into an early wildfire season and unprecedented water shortages.

Specifically the Village of Tahsis, like many small communities, extend their fire protection services to highway rescues, remote resorts or other wildland interface zones. Yet, our ability to recruit and finance equipment, including firehalls themselves are limited by property taxation mechanism, dwindling populations and lack of service capacity.

Our next MP will have a say on policy decisions on climate. This will have real impacts in our community. Climate change is an immense and complex problem, so federal collaboration is vital—vote for the climate candidate in your riding.

Sincere respect,
Sarah Fowler

Respectfully Submitted

Councillor Lynda Llewellyn

No report.

Councillor Northcott

No report.

Elder/Northcott: VOT 0305/2021

THAT the Council Reports be received.

CARRIED

L. Correspondence

- 1 August 23rd letter from Rita Aedan to Mayor and Council Re: Second Request- Removal of both no parking signs.**
- 2 Letter and Report to Mayor Davis from Colleen Mayor Karen Elliott and Councillor Colleen Evans Co-chairs of the British Columbia Social Procurement Initiative (BCSPI) Re: Updates from the BCSPI and the opportunity for the Village of Tahsis to join.**
- 3 Email from Council of Canadians Re: Request for support for the "Fish Farms out of Coastal Waters" Campaign.**
- 4 Email from Rebecca Bishop, Program Officer, UBCM to Mayor Davis and Council Re: 2020 CEPF: Flood Risk Assessment, Flood Mapping & Flood Mitigation Planning – Flood Mitigation Preliminary Design Project.**
- 5 Letter from Minister Adrian Dix in response to Tahsis Council's letter of June 7th, 2021 Re: Ambulance Services in small communities.**

- 6 Letter from Les Hagen, Executive Director of Action on Smoking and Health (ASH Canada) Re: Protecting youth from flavoured vaping products.
- 7 Email from Jessie Christophersen, Information and Member Services Co-ordinator Re: Declaration of Waste Reduction Week in Canada.
- 8 Letter from Langley City Council to Hon. Premier John Horgan and Hon. Adrian Dix Resolution Re: Improvement to Pre-hospital Care System.
- 9 Email from Sheila Pither, President of Council of Senior Citizens' Organizations of BC (COSCO BC) Re: Invitation to COSCO Conference ~Living in the 21st Century: A Seniors' Strategy~ September 27 & 28
- 10 Letter from Tara Faganello, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Re:Proof of Vaccination and Mandatory Mask Announcement

Elder/Fowler: VOT 0306/2021

THAT these correspondence items be received.

CARRIED

Elder/Llewellyn: VOT 0307/2021

THAT correspondence item # 1, 3, 4, 7, 9 & 10 be pulled for discussion.

CARRIED

- 1 August 23rd letter from Rita Aedan to Mayor and Council Re: Second Request-Removal of both no parking signs.

Fowler/Llewellyn: VOT 0308/2021

That the Village remove the two "No Parking" signs located between 907 and 922 Princess Victoria View.

CARRIED

- 3 Email from Council of Canadians Re: Request for support for the "Fish Farms out of Coastal Waters" Campaign.

Northcott/Fowler: VOT 0309/2021

THAT an email be sent from the Village referencing Council's resolutions opposing open net fish farms in support of "Fish Farms Out of Coastal Waters" campaign by Council of Canadians.

CARRIED

- 4 Email from Rebecca Bishop, UBCM Program Officer, to Mayor Davis and Council Re: 2020 CEPF: Flood Risk Assessment, Flood Mapping & Flood Mitigation Planning – Flood Mitigation Preliminary Design Project.
Councillor Fowler spoke to this item. A brief discussion followed.

- 7 Email from Jessie Christophersen, Information and Member Services Co-ordinator Re: Declaration of Waste Reduction Week in Canada.

Fowler/Elder: VOT 0310/2021

THAT the Village of Tahsis recognizes Waste Reduction Week in Canada, October 18 - 24, 2021. As a municipality, we are committed to conserving resources, protecting the environment and educating the community.

We recognize the generation of solid waste and the needless waste of water and energy resources as global environmental problems and endeavour to take the lead in our community toward environmental sustainability.

CARRIED

- 9 Email from Sheila Pither, President of Council of Senior Citizens' Organizations of BC (COSCO BC) Re: Invitation to COSCO Conference "Living in the 21st Century: A Seniors' Strategy" September 27 & 28, 2021**

Northcott/Fowler: VOT 0311/2021

THAT Councillor Llewellyn attend the COSCO Conference "Living in the 21st Century: A Seniors' Strategy" being held virtually on Monday, September 27th and Tuesday, September 28th, 2021 at a cost of \$25.00.

CARRIED

- 10 Letter from Tara Faganello, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Re:Proof of Vaccination and Mandatory Mask Announcement**

A discussion followed regarding public awareness of how to obtain proof of vaccination.

M. New Business

- 1 Report to Council Re: Electronic Meetings and Public Hearings**

Elder/Fowler: VOT 0311/2021

THAT this Report to Council be received.

CARRIED

Fowler/Elder: VOT 0312/2021

THAT option #2 be approved.

Draft the necessary bylaw amendments to implement Council resolution 0286/2021 and to meet the statutory requirements allowing all participants to hear, but not all to watch and hear, proceedings.

CARRIED

- 2 Email from Councillor Northcott regarding cutting off vehicular access to the riverbed and Leiner Campground as well ATV's access to the foreshore.**

Elder/Northcott: VOT 0313/2021

THAT this email be received for discussion.

CARRIED

A discussion of options followed.

N. Public Input #2

None

Public Exclusion

Elder/Fowler: VOT 0314/2021

THAT the meeting is closed to the public in accordance with section 90(1)(c) labour relations or other employee relations.

CARRIED

Fowler/Elder: VOT 0315/2021

THAT the Regular Council meeting recess to go into the In camera meeting.

CARRIED

Elder/Fowler: VOT 0322/2021

THAT the Regular Council meeting reconvene at 8:57 p.m.

Rise and Report

At the September 7, 2021 In Camera meeting Council approved the proposed amendment #1 to the Extended Benefits and Pension Plan Policy 2012.

CARRIED

Adjournment

Elder/Fowler: VOT 0323/2021

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

CARRIED

Certified Correct this

the 21st day of September, 2021



Chief Administrative Officer



Minutes

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Mayor Davis acknowledged and respected that Council is meeting upon Mowachaht/Muchalaht territory

B. Introduction of Late Items and Agenda Changes

None

C. Approval of the Agenda

Elder/Llewellyn: VOT 0290/2021

THAT the Agenda for the August 3, 2021 Regular meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

D. Petitions and Delegations

None

E. Public Input # 1

None

F. Adoption of the Minutes

1 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on July 6, 2021

Elder/Llewellyn: VOT 0291/2021

THAT the Regular Council Meeting minutes of July 6, 2021 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

2 Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on July 19, 2021

Elder/Llewellyn: VOT 0292/2021

THAT the Special Council meeting minutes of July 19, 2021 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

G. Rise and Report

None

H. Business Arising

1 Report to Council Re: Transportation Services Initiatives

Letter from Jack Taylor, TSS President Re: Tahsis Seniors Society (TSS) Volunteer Ride Service Proposal.

Elder/Davis: VOT 0293/2021

THAT the letter from Jack Taylor, TSS President be received.

CARRIED

Councillor Llewellyn reported back from the Tahsis Seniors Society (TSS) that the TSS voted in favour of withdrawing from the Volunteer Ride Service Proposal.

Llewellyn/Elder: VOT 0294/2021

THAT this Report to Council be received.

CARRIED

Llewellyn/Fowler: VOT 0295/2021

THAT option # 3 (to temporarily pause proceeding with a Tahsis-centric initiative pending the scoping and planning of a regional transportation service by Strathcona Regional District and re-visit when the SRD plan is shared with Tahsis Council) be approved.

CARRIED

2 Report to Council Re: Review of Tahsis Days 2021

Elder/Llewellyn: VOT 0296/2021

THAT this Report to Council be received.

CARRIED

Council congratulated staff on a job well done.

J. Council Reports

Mayor Davis (written report)

Since our last meeting, we hosted Tahsis Days, which was a mix of virtual and in-person activities. I won't add much here as there is a report in this agenda, but I would like to thank Amanda Knibbs and Lauren Roth for spearheading the activities that made this a success. I did get to judge the 'floats' and will note that one of the winners was a guy on roller skates! This would only happen in a small community such as ours.

I also got to finally hike the 13-kilometre Grease Trail route to Woss Lake. It is an ancient trading route used by First Nations that crosses the island to the mouth of the Nimpkish River at Cheslakees, and is the origin of the name Tahsis, which translates as 'The Path'. The route has not been maintained at this end and was largely obliterated by logging back in the 1950's, but the Namgiis have rebuilt their end of the trail, establishing campsites both at Woss Lake and at the pass, at 530 metres elevation. I can see now why a road was never punched through there - we got off route on the hike in and the main valley is the exposed fault line that formed Tahsis Inlet and Woss Lake. It is cliff-lined, steep and filled with house-sized boulders covered in rotten logs and salmon berries. It was the worst terrain I have seen anywhere on the Island but fortunately we found the correct route on return. Woss Lake is magical. Rugged Mountain rises almost from the shore of the lake and the tallest waterfall is a kilometre high! An aquamarine coloured glacial river enters right beside camp and faces are carved in the trees by the Namgiis, some quite old. While the pass is a rugged hike, the majority of it is along the gravel beds of the Tahsis River valley and is quite easy. It makes me realize what a treasure we have right here, a world-class hike and something that should be rebuilt and promoted, possibly with a canoe paddle exchange trip from Woss. I will post pictures on the Tahsis Now Facebook page soon.

One last thing: we recently learned that our infrastructure grant proposal for repairs to the rec centre was turned down, again. We will continue to fix what we can given our limited tax revenue.

Councillor Elder (written report)

There are still a lot of people upset about taxes.

There have been 2 fights on the wharf about boats being to close or no room.

There are people using Sally's Grill parking lot as a loading and offloading spot, parking vehicles and boat trailers length wise and trying to use it for free term parking, which has created angst to the point where threats have been made when they are asked to move. The Village did not designate a loading zone after we closed the Government wharf or come up with additional parking to cover the loss of ground to Coast Guard.

Councillor Fowler (written report)

Below a certificate from my compassion integrity training completion and a list of webinars /meetings since last regular council.

1. Meeting Canada's net-zero energy targets while reducing energy poverty: Affordable Housing's role in solving this dual challenge.
2. Ask Us Anything: Helping Local Governments Prepare for the Lifting of the State of Emergency.

We also had a special council meeting for the Statement of Financial Information and our community's second dose vaccine. I went to Moutcha Bay for their derby event. As in past years the NSWS had a information table to offer memberships. Instead of that, due to the heat, I enjoyed a lunch with Jason Johnson, General Manager of Nootka Marine Adventures, who I was among the first responders to the road accident near Conuma. He filled me in that he delivered the Tahsis resident home that night. He also told me about a recruitment strategy used by the Sayward Volunteer Fire Department, whereby they offer seasonal landscaping and home maintenance as an incentive to sign up seasonally available residents. I also participated in a Zoom group called Power Women and spent a sombre yet respectful Canada Day in Ladysmith's transfer beach.

This week, in addition to today's council meeting I have scheduled:

1. Shared Voices: In Conversation (with Catalina Lopez-Correa).
2. Tahsis Age-Friendly Accessibility Committee is set for Thursday 3:30; where we will talk about the Seniors Voluntarily Ride Service.

Upcoming next is my first in person UBCM Executive taking place in Richmond to which I hope to bring a few made in Tahsis products like jam & poetry to showcase to my peers on the board. Afterwards which, I am flying east with my children to see my Ontario family.

Lastly I want to offer my heartfelt condolences to Jack Douglas and family as both his roommate and wife passed away recently.

Submitted respectfully,

Councillor Fowler

Originally written July 6 2021

Report for August 3 2021

Attachment of Certificate

Councillor Llewellyn (written report)

I had a good time participating in Tahsis Days and I also volunteered to Judge the Tacky Tourist, the Pets as Tourists and the Floral Arrangements. Thanks to the staff for all their hard work.

Vancouver Island Regional Library was unsuccessful with their grant application to build a new library in Tahsis. Now might be a good time to engage them in talks around a multi use building. The new Executive Director starts the middle of this month and may have a different direction he wants to go.

The Tahsis Seniors Society is slowly reopening the Senior Centre. We are starting with coffee; times Monday, Wednesday & Friday 1:00-3:00 pm, beginning next week.

There are a few groups looking to use the Seniors Centre because of the lack of space in the Rec Centre with the Fire Chief using the Community Room. The first Potluck will be the first Thursday in September and will be the first Thursday of the month going forward with the AGM happening in October following supper.

Respectfully Submitted

Councillor Lynda Llewellyn

Councillor Northcott (written report)

My report tonight is deeply personal, yet relevant to every person in this village.

My dog, Charlie required expensive, life-saving surgery to remove a corncob from his small intestine because sometime prior to June 29th, someone here in the village dumped their table scraps in the tall grass between the dike wall and the river. When we pulled Charlie away from the pile, we didn't realise—or even consider it a possibility that he'd swallowed one of the corncobs.

Dumping food-waste like this not only attracts wildlife, it encourages these animals to hang around.

There has been so much public outcry these past few months about the danger wolves pose to our pets and children, yet it was a human who put Charlie's life at risk.

If a well-fed dog finds dumped table scraps interesting enough to eat, I think it's reasonable to assume hungry wolves will, too. And if people in this village keep providing wolves with easy meals, where's the motivation for them to move on?

The village provides plenty of animal-proof garbage bins and dumpsters, so even if it weren't illegal, there is no excuse for leaving food out for animals to get into.

Elder/Llewellyn: VOT 0297/2021

THAT the Council Reports be received.

CARRIED

L. Correspondence

- 1 Letter from Judy Burgess Re: Native Vegetation, fire, heat and climate change.**
- 2 Email from Stephanie Olsen Re: Tahsis Days.**
- 3 Letter from Rita Aedan Re: Request for removal of a no-parking sign.**
- 4 Email from the Council of the City of Mississauga Re: June 30, 2021 Resolution 0155-2021.**
- 5 Email from Cindy Fortin, Mayor District of Peachland Re: BC Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP).**
- 6 Letter from the District of Sicamous, Mayor and Council Re: Seeking support for two resolutions at the upcoming UBCM Convention.**
- 7 Email from Steve Williams, President of BCAS-10-7 Association/Society Re: B.C. Ambulance Service Crisis.**
- 8 Email from Island Health Re: Wildfire Smoke and Health Related to Planning.**
- 9 Letter from Jesse Lee, Manager CSWM Operations Re: Campbell River Waste Management Center- Transfer Station Transition Plan.**

10 Tracy Amos from the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation Re: Donation for Gold River Annual Slo-Pitch Tournament

Elder/Llewellyn: VOT 0298/2021

THAT these correspondence items be received.

CARRIED

Elder/Llewellyn: VOT 0299/2021

THAT correspondence item 3, 9 and 10 be pulled for discussion.

CARRIED

3 Letter from Rita Aedan Re: Request for removal of a no-parking sign.

Mayor and Council spoke to the issue concluding they would like to investigate further before making a decision.

9 Letter from Jesse Lee, Manager CSWM Operations Re: Campbell River Waste Management Center- Transfer Station Transition Plan.

Council and staff both spoke to the transfer station transition plans. A discussion followed.

10 Tracy Amos from the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation Re: Donation for Gold River Annual Slo-Pitch Tournament

Council Llewellyn spoke to this request.

Llewellyn/Elder: VOT 0300/2021

THAT the Village of Tahsis send a donation of \$100.00 in support of the Gold River Slo-Pitch Tournament.

CARRIED

M. New Business

1. Report to Council Re: Village of Tahsis - Q2 Operating Results to June 30, 2021.

Director of Finance spoke to council on the Q2 operating results, explaining major variances from budget and projections for year end. A question period followed.

Elder/Llewellyn: VOT 0301/2021

THAT this Report to Council be received.

CARRIED

N. Public Input #2

A member of the public inquired into the status of the new fire hall, to which the Mayor, Council and Staff responded.

A member of the public expressed concern over the future closure of our landfill.

Adjournment

Fowler/Elder: VOT 0302/2021

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

CARRIED

Certified Correct this

the 7th day of September, 2021

Chief Administrative Officer



CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

Sarah Fowler

HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED
APPLIED COURSEWORK AND TRAINING IN

Compassionate Integrity

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24 June 2021

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Gerard W. Clum, D.C., FICA
Director, CCISE, Life University

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Karlin'.

Michael Karlin, Ph.D.
Associate Director, CCISE, Life University

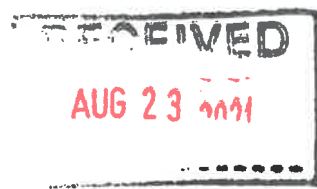
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jennifer J. Valtos'.

Jennifer J. Valtos, Ed.D.
Director of Training, CCISE, Life University

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Scott'.

Rob Scott, D.C., Ph.D.
President, Life University

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August 23rd, 2021

Mayor & Council, Village of Tahsis,
977 South Maquinna Drive,
Tahsis, B.C. VOP 1X0

Dear Mayor & Council

RE: Second Request – Removal of **Both** No Parking Signs

Kindly accept this second letter, with request as noted above, for consideration within the next Council meeting. Also, my thanks to CAO Mark Tatchell for his email of August 9th wherein he quoted, *"Mayor and Council spoke to the issue concluding they would like to investigate further before making a decision."*

Since my initial letter the new owners of 922 Princess Victoria View have taken possession. As adjoining neighbours, both affected by the placement of these two No Parking signs by way of ease of access into our properties, the new owners, Dean and Danielle Simard, have requested their concerns likewise be addressed. As noted in my original letter my concern is chiefly for the removal of the No Parking sign that fringes on the border of my property eliminating ease of access to my basement and deck doors, whereas the Simards are requesting both of these signs be removed for ease of access into their property.

Please note that Mr. Simard requested his concerns be added into this, my second letter to Council. In short, I have his permission.

As Council will see from the photo of the lower No Parking sign (taken as of this date) it is constantly ignored and rendered redundant by visitors. For Mr. Simard ease of access into his parking spot for his large truck and boat/boat trailer is extremely narrow due to both signs and in particular the one bordering my property.

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Having resided here for over four and a half years I have witnessed visitors parking up to three abreast and five vehicle lengths on the residential street in front of these two rental houses with no consideration given to the fact that it is a residential street, used by residents, while all the no parking signs, including the No Parking on the Grass sign on the grassy bluff, are ignored. It's a regular free-for-all. What if there was a fire with entire street access blocked?

It boils down to these two No Parking signs, in particular, being nothing more than a bone of contention for permanent residents as they have been rendered redundant by visitors who either can't read or simply ignore the signs and park wherever they so desire, while our day to day lives are impacted through lack of ease of access. Why are they even there?

Speaking for myself, as a permanent taxpaying resident of Tahsis, surely there must be a satisfactory solution to this non-resident parking problem wherein visitors ignore the signs anyway so, again, why are they even there to negatively impact our daily lives through ease of access to our properties?

Please, I implore Council, to give consideration plus come to a positive conclusion in removal of these two particular No Parking signs bordering our properties.

Respectfully Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rita Aedan". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Rita Aedan

Cc: Dean and Danielle Simard

Encl: Photos

From: ritaadan ritaadan@gmail.com 
Subject: Photos
Date: August 23, 2021 at 8:05 AM
To: ritaaden@gmail.com

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Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.



From: ritaaedan ritaaedan@gmail.com
Subject: Photo
Date: August 23, 2021 at 9:18 AM
To: ritaaedan@gmail.com

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[Letter to Mayor Davis, Village of Tahsis - BCSPi Membership.pdf](#)
[CCSPi Phase 1 Report - Final.pdf](#)

From: Rob Fisher <rfisher@scalecollaborative.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, August 3, 2021 9:17 AM
To: Reception Account <Reception@villageoftahsis.com>
Cc: Mayor Davis <Mayor@villageoftahsis.com>; Mark Tatchell <MTatchell@villageoftahsis.com>; Ian Poole <IPoole@villageoftahsis.com>
Subject: BCSPi Update & Membership Opportunity

Good morning,

Please find attached a letter to Mayor Davis and accompanying report from Co-Chairs Mayor Karen Elliott and Councillor Colleen Evans regarding updates from the British Columbia Social Procurement Initiative (BCSPi) and opportunity for the Village of Tahsis to join.

Best,

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Rob Fisher
Project Coordinator
British Columbia Social Procurement Initiative (BCSPi)
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[Website](#) | [LinkedIn](#) | [Facebook](#)

Learn more about the Initiative that's changing the culture of public sector procurement: [Watch the BCSPi info session](#)

We respectfully acknowledge that we are located on the unceded territories of the Lekwungen-speaking peoples, now known as the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Social Procurement

INITIATIVE

L2

August 3, 2021

Mayor Martin Davis
Village of Tahsis
Box 219
Tahsis BC V0P 1X0

Re: British Columbia Social Procurement Initiative

Dear Mayor Davis,

Further to our letter of January 2021, we are writing to let you know about exciting new developments with the [British Columbia Social Procurement Initiative \(BCSPI\)](#).

Previously only available to governments in the Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities region, BCSPI has recently received support from the BC Government to expand province-wide, providing the opportunity for governments and institutional purchasers in communities across British Columbia to join.

BCSPI is a low cost, high value program that provides local governments with the training, expertise, and support they need to integrate social procurement practices and add social value to their existing purchasing. For an annual membership fee equivalent to local area of government association dues, participating local governments get access to a full suite of professional development and training, templates, case studies, impact measurement tools and expert consultation support at no additional cost.

Significantly, now is the best possible time to join. Building on the successes of the first two years, new members will join with all of the foundational work in place: over 50 pilot projects undertaken, a comprehensive library of templates and tools developed, best practice examples and thriving community of practice all available to support social procurement implementation.

BCSPI (formerly CCSPI) started as a two-year pilot in the Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities region in 2019 and, since its inception, has already grown in membership from 6 to 30 local governments and institutional purchasers. BCSPI members have now procured over \$200 million of goods, services and construction with added social value to the benefit of their local economies. This means that additional local business, employment and skills & training opportunities are being generated from existing procurement dollars at a time when our local economies need it most. (The CCSPI Phase 1 report is attached for your information).

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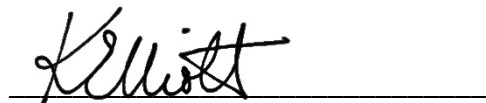
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Mayor Martin Davis
August 2, 2021

Social procurement is a key economic recovery and stability consideration for local governments. Joining BCSPi now will ensure that your organization has access to the training and expertise required to implement social procurement best practices, and the ability to take advantage of the opportunity to create additional community benefit from your existing spending.

We would be happy to discuss this opportunity with you directly, or to schedule a presentation for your Council or Board to provide more information about the Initiative. If you have any questions or would like to set up a meeting or presentation, please contact Robert Fisher, BCSPi Project Coordinator by email at rfisher@scalecollaborative.ca or by phone on (250) 886-3063.

Sincerely,

Karen Elliot
Mayor, District of Squamish
Co-Chair, BCSPi Steering Committee

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Colleen Evans,
Councillor, Campbell River
Co-Chair, BCSPi Steering Committee

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Cc: Mark Tatchell, Chief Administrative Officer
Ian Poole, Director of Finance

Attached: CCSPI Phase 1 Report

PHASE 1 REPORT

Coastal Communities Social Procurement Initiative (CCSPI) 2019—2021

Procurement for Community Wellbeing.

The regional initiative that's changing the culture of procurement to create community benefits.

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Executive Summary

The Coastal Communities Social Procurement Initiative (CCSPI) was established in 2018 by and for local governments on Vancouver Island and in the Coastal Communities.

In just two years, CCSPI members have realized over \$200 million in social procurement spend by adding social value to their purchasing practices, generating significant community benefits from existing procurement dollars at a time when local economies need it most.

The initiative, which is unique in Canada as a regional approach, is delivered by a partnership team of social procurement, community impact and industry experts who provide the training, tools and quality assurance required to support CCSPI members on their journey towards integrating social procurement practices. These are new practices that can help to unlock additional social value from an organization's existing spending that can align with strategic objectives and community goals.



LISA HELPS

Mayor, City of Victoria

Co-Chair, CCSPI Steering Committee

It's been wonderful to see CCSPI grow from an idea and a small collaboration among six local governments to a fully functioning social procurement initiative with almost 30 members. CCSPI provides significant value to our procurement staff by empowering them to use procurement to the benefit of our local economies and communities. We look forward to working to scale CCSPI across British Columbia to help more communities and other public agencies to align their spending with the values of their communities.



COLLEEN EVANS

Councillor, City of Campbell River

Co-Chair, CCSPI Steering Committee

Getting to this point has been a truly collaborative effort and the lessons learned, models, and templates CCSPI has developed are playing a vital role in creating healthy communities, supporting social inclusion and enhancing the wellbeing of local residents. As CCSPI membership continues to grow, we're encouraged by the enthusiasm and commitment of elected representatives and members who are actively considering what could be achieved if even just a small percentage of public spend was focused on 'value adding' to generate positive community benefits.



CCSPI Goals & Outcomes

01

GOAL: Local governments in the Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities region are embracing and implementing social procurement.

OUTCOME: 27 local governments are members of CCSPI and working towards social procurement implementation.

02

GOAL: Standardized approach to social procurement across local government, while each community has the ability to create community-specific social value.

OUTCOME: Standardized practices for procurement, vendor outreach and impact measurement are being adopted across the region. Members' strategic planning and policy inform community-specific needs.

03

GOAL: Procurement staff are trained in social procurement and have the ability to issue tenders and RFPs that result in community benefits.

OUTCOME: Over 150+ staff from CCSPI member organizations have taken part in training sessions and have access to a comprehensive library of examples, templates and other resources.

04

GOAL: Product and service suppliers are fully engaged, bidding on contracts, and responding to RFPs issued by local governments.

OUTCOME: CCSPI members are engaging with suppliers, creating a culture shift and building the capacity that allows them to respond to bid opportunities.

CCSPI Goals & Outcomes

05

GOAL: The provincial government is aware of and supportive of CCSPI.

OUTCOME: The BC Government has been represented at the CCSPI Steering Committee since its inception and is supporting the initiative's phase 2 expansion across the Province.

06

GOAL: A robust monitoring and reporting framework is in place.

OUTCOME: CCSPI has partnered with Royal Roads University to develop a standardized impact measurement framework, informed by both buyers and vendors, and connected to regional SDG targets.

07

GOAL: CCSPI is a long-term, sustainable initiative.

OUTCOME: CCSPI will be expanded through 2021-24 to advance the adoption and integration of social procurement policies and practices across British Columbia.

08

GOAL: Interest is demonstrated by the wider Municipal, Academic Institutions, Schools and Hospitals (MASH) sector.

OUTCOME: Recent CCSPI members include academic institutions and school boards. Interest is also being demonstrated by other institutional purchasers across the MASH sector.



What is Social Procurement & Why is it Important?

Social procurement is an emerging best practice that represents a significant shift from 'lowest price' to 'best value'.

Governments and other large purchasers like hospitals and post-secondary institutions collectively procure billions of dollars of goods and services. By implementing social procurement practices, these organizations can leverage a significant amount of additional social value and community benefit from this existing purchasing.

Social procurement takes into consideration not only price and quality, but also the community outcomes and potential benefits that can be generated through purchasing practices. It allows for procurement to become a tool for building healthy communities and local

economies by valuing local employment, training opportunities, social value supply chains and other community outcomes.

Social procurement can help to integrate social outcomes right across an organization's spending, from small spends that are made on a day-to-day basis, to integrating social value criteria into requests for proposals and tenders for goods and services, to major construction and infrastructure projects. Purchasing decisions can be measured against pre-determined criteria that are connected to an organization's community goals and strategic plans.

CCSPI is Delivered in Partnership by:



BUY SOCIAL CANADA

Buy Social Canada believes in building community capital: healthy communities that are rich in human, social, cultural, physical, and economic capital. By building relationships between social suppliers and purchasers, Buy Social Canada is leading the movement for community capital creators across the country.



David LePage — Managing Partner, Buy Social Canada

“CCSPI has become the showcase for community collaboration - leveraging shared resources to build resilient local economies, create local jobs, and provide opportunities for all the members of the community.”



PRESENTATIONS PLUS TRAINING & CONSULTING INC.

Presentations Plus provides expert consulting and advice on social procurement to both public and private sector organizations, and has assisted many leading Governments and companies in the implementation of social procurement best practices.



Larry Berglund — Principal, Presentations Plus

“The awareness of social procurement options, within the communities, has led to more responsive and effective outcomes.”



SCALE COLLABORATIVE

Scale Collaborative’s mission is to create a thriving, connected, and financially resilient social change sector. Scale Collaborative works with nonprofits, social enterprises, and other social purpose organizations to explore how they can become more independent, innovative, resilient, and impactful.



Kristi Fairholm Mader — Co-Founding Partner, Scale Collaborative

“It is exciting to work with local governments and buyers who are using purchasing power to help support inclusive and sustainable communities.”



VANCOUVER ISLAND CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATION (VICA)

Vancouver Island Construction Association (VICA) serves the construction community on Vancouver Island, the Gulf Islands, and other coastal areas of British Columbia.



Rory Kulmala — CEO, Vancouver Island Construction Association

“CCSPI is the model for working locally and together across the Island and along the coast.”

CCSPI Statistics

\$200m

Procurement spend with
added social value.

150+

Individual staff
members trained.

50+

Pilot projects undertaken.

40+

Training sessions and
webinars held.

29

Participating governments
and organizations.

25+

Resources, case studies,
and templates developed.

Social Procurement Myths vs. Facts

Although many governments and organizations across the world are already seeing tangible and measurable results from implementing social procurement practices, moving to this new way of buying things still represents a significant change from the status quo. Common myths and questions about social procurement exist.

These types of questions are indicators of the change taking place at a broader level, and the growing voices calling for a shift from practices that harm people and the planet. Historically, procurement has excluded smaller businesses and diverse suppliers, and has viewed environmental and social outcomes as a cost, not a benefit. Social procurement represents systemic change.

Is it legal?

Yes! It is.

Is the quality lower?

No! It isn't.

Does it cost more?

No! It doesn't.

Are the social value suppliers out there?

Yes! They are.



“Are the dollars we spend gaining the best value and outcomes for our communities?”

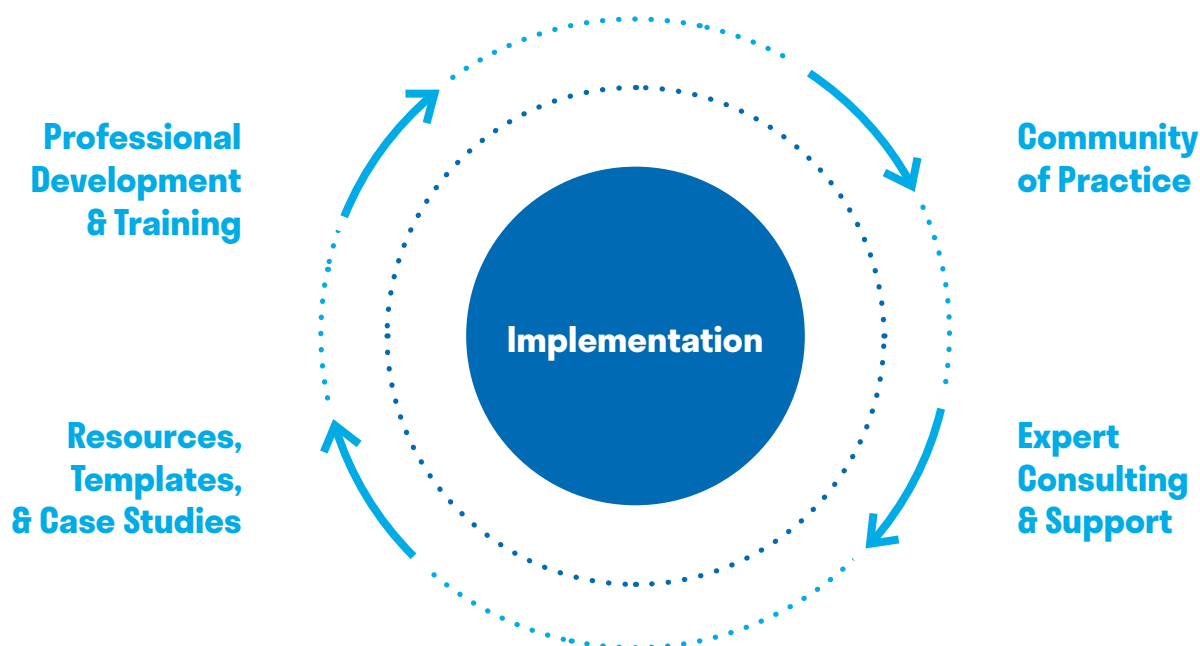
CCSPI Program Timeline

In 2016, a group of community leaders looked at the billions of dollars being spent across Vancouver Island and the Coast, and asked, “are these dollars gaining the best value and outcomes for our communities?”. Two years of development later, six local governments launched CCSPI as a 2-year pilot. Since then, CCSPI has grown to include almost 30 members (and counting) that have access to professional development and training, expert consulting and advice, a rich library of resources and tools, and a thriving community of practice.

Using these tools and resources, CCSPI members have piloted social procurement in over 50 projects across the region, from smaller credit card spends, to goods and services tenders to major construction projects.

Collectively, the membership is building a regional social value supplier database and other resources to build the capacity of suppliers to be able to bid on and deliver on government and institutional procurement opportunities.

In order to measure the important impact of this work, CCSPI is collaborating with Royal Roads University to develop a common measurement framework for CCSPI members to use that aligns with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).





The Member Journey: From Onboarding to Implementation

CCSPI members are leading the way in changing the systems and culture of institutional procurement. This type of systemic and culture change can be challenging; it needs to be supported at multiple levels, including political, organizational leadership and staff level. These elements contribute to the successful adoption of social procurement:

- Support from both political and staff-level representatives
- “Champions” in positions of leadership that can set the vision for and support the implementation of social procurement practices
- Social procurement outcomes are aligned with community strategic plans and directions
- Representatives across organizational departments participate in education and training together
- Procurement and other staff are supported to learn and develop new practices
- Pilot projects are manageable and provide an opportunity for local suppliers and vendors to bid on
- Anticipation of learning and adaptation from pilot project outcome
- Support, in staff time, to learn and develop new practices

CCSPI CORE TRAINING:

SP101— Introduction to Social Procurement

SP201— Social Procurement Implementation

SP 301— Social Procurement in Construction Projects

Select Member Highlights:



Alberni-Clayoquot
Regional District

Alberni Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD)

The ACRD has trained staff in implementation of social procurement practices, and piloted social procurement in several projects. They included creating a social procurement policy as an objective in their 2021-2024 strategic plan.



Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD)

The CVRD has trained staff, and piloted social procurement in a variety of projects of different sizes with successful outcomes. CVRD has social procurement included in their purchasing policy and have included social procurement as a key service outcome in their corporate plan.



Village of Cumberland

Cumberland was the first municipality in BC to adopt a social procurement framework. Social procurement is included in the Village's purchasing policy.



City of Nanaimo

The City has trained staff and included social procurement in their sustainable procurement policy. They now intend to move ahead with pilot projects and supplier engagement.



City of Campbell River

The City has trained their staff in social procurement implementation and is piloting social procurement in a number of goods and services contracts. Moving forward they plan to add social procurement to their purchasing policy.



City of Courtenay

The City has trained staff in social procurement implementation and are intending to include social procurement in their purchasing policy before moving ahead with piloting social procurement in purchasing projects.



Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD)

The CVRD has trained staff and piloted social procurement practices in several projects. They released a Request for Information (RFI) to collect information about social value suppliers in the region. Developing procurement policies to promote social equity was included as an objective in their 2020 – 2022 strategic plan.



District of Port Hardy

The District has trained staff and included social procurement in their general purchasing policy. They have successfully trialed social procurement in a number of projects including their arena revitalization.

Select Member Highlights:



City of Powell River

The City has trained its staff in social procurement implementation and is currently working towards including social procurement in their purchasing policy.



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The Regional District has trained staff in social procurement implementation and updated its purchasing policy to include social procurement. They are piloting social value criteria in a number of projects some of which have led to some good local employment outcomes.



Town of Qualicum Beach

Qualicum Beach has included social procurement in their purchasing policy and have piloted social value criteria in a variety of projects, leading to excellent outcomes that align with their community social objectives and goals.



District of Sooke

Sooke has included social procurement in their purchasing policy and intends to move ahead with staff training and social procurement implementation.



City of Duncan

The City has included social procurement in their purchasing policy. They are moving towards staff training and social procurement implementation.



District of Squamish

The District has included social procurement in their purchasing policy and have trained their staff in social procurement implementation. Squamish has also created an internal working group to focus on supplier outreach.



City of Victoria

The City has trained their staff in social procurement implementation. They are including social value criteria in many of their tender documents and in mandatory training for their corporate purchasing card holders. The City has also released a Request for Information (RFI) to collect information about social value suppliers in the region.



District of Tofino

Tofino has trained staff in social procurement implementation. They included social value criteria in a major streetscape revitalization project that allowed local contractors to be employed for some portions of the work and they are integrating community benefit outcomes within an upcoming wastewater treatment plant project.



Social Procurement In Action

CCSPI members have now successfully piloted social procurement in over 50 projects across the region. These include small spends like corporate purchasing card procurement, RFPs for goods and services like maintenance, and large construction & infrastructure projects. These snapshots of three of the pilot projects are taken from full case studies which are available at www.ccspi.ca

CASE STUDY #1

City of Victoria: Small Spends for Community Benefit

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When people are making small purchases, they don't think they can make a difference. However, telling them that the City makes a 3.9M collective purchase made them think they could do some good. This was exciting and empowering.

—Leah Hamilton
Buyer, City of Victoria

In 2019, the City of Victoria spent approximately \$3.9M using corporate purchasing cards on purchases under \$1500. There are over 600 purchasing card holders working at the City who have discretion on where and what they purchase and regularly make purchases related to catering, travel, restaurants and office supplies

By educating and empowering these staff, the City identified an opportunity to achieve many small wins that add up quickly and significantly. Now, when making purchases, staff consider supply chains, local jobs and living wages.

When the economic multiplier effect is applied, there is significant community benefit that can be generated from these purchasing decisions. Encouraging staff to consider social value in addition to price is a key shift and empowers them to make decisions that have positive outcomes in the community.

Moving forward, the City is continuing with mandatory internal training and building a dedicated resource site for its staff that is populated with a list of local social value suppliers and success stories.





CASE STUDY #2

District of Port Hardy: Test-Driving Community Value

Port Hardy's recreation centre is the beating heart of its community, providing health and wellness services and a place for people to gather. In 2019 the District identified various renovation work was required that included the refrigeration system, a new roof, and other work inside the arena. Working with one of CCSPI's sample templates, the District was able to incorporate social value definitions and used a 'descriptive' process so that proponents could describe how they wanted to achieve community benefits including any anticipated associated costs.

The resulting Request for Proposals (RFP) aimed to integrate local employment, local supply chain management and local living outcomes. One of the goals was that project managers would look for suppliers that also embody and create social value and community benefit. With respect to social value the proponents varied their responses, which included environmental conscience, employment of local labour force and individuals facing barriers, apprenticeships offered, involvement with and financial support of local community non-profit groups and unique methods of tracking energy savings upon completion of the project.

One of the key project outcomes was increased engagement with local First Nations, who use the recreation services regularly. The District consulted with local First Nations on how they would like to be involved in the project and also related business and employment opportunities.



Social procurement is about being inclusive, about the environment, and about the community, workforce and local economy.

—Allison McArrick, CAO (fmr), District of Port Hardy



How we spend taxpayer dollars should be reflective of the universal values of the communities we serve. In many cases social procurement can improve the overall value to the taxpayer by generating positive outcomes for the community without materially impacting cost.

—Scott Hainsworth, Manager of Operating and Capital Procurement (fmr), Comox Valley Regional District

CASE STUDY #3

Comox Valley Regional District: Keeping It Simple

The Comox Valley Regional District is constructing a new water treatment system with a project value of \$126M. The Regional District was able to obtain funding from a Federal grant that included Infrastructure Canada's Community Employment Benefits Program, and the project proved to be a good opportunity to incorporate social procurement concepts that included employment and skills training and apprenticeship opportunities for local marginalized people.

Proponent evaluation criteria was structured to maximize value. Response requirements included commitments of proposed community employment benefits for target groups which were evaluated alongside cost, experience and quality. The Regional District also held commercially confidential meetings with each proponent that allowed for a more collaborative process and an opportunity for engagement on desired social procurement outcomes.

The project is now well underway and on track for its original completion date. Per the latest project updates, community employment benefit hours are tracking well above the committed totals, with forecasts projecting almost twice the committed hours for underrepresented populations. Notably, there were no additional cost implications associated with the social procurement concepts that were included in the request for proposals.

Supplier & Industry Engagement



CCSPI works with its members to help identify and connect with the social value suppliers and vendors in their communities.

The initiative provides supplier education, support and resources to help social value suppliers build their capacity to respond to and deliver on institutional procurement opportunities.

Working with Chambers of Commerce and Economic Development Organizations, CCSPI members are building a regional social value supplier directory that will allow them to identify those suppliers in the region who have a social value component to their business or enterprise.

This 'whole ecosystem' approach recognizes that both purchasers and suppliers need to speak the same language, foster common understanding, and helps build bridges to lasting business relationships that can support local economies.



Social procurement, primarily through the Community Employment Benefits initiative, is important in our industry. While it can be more challenging for contractors to make community employment commitments during the tendering phase, the initiative is enabling the industry to improve and progress. I am proud of the Aecon team here at the Comox Valley Water Treatment Project as we were able to double all of our employment commitments to date (e.g., Indigenous Peoples, Under-represented Populations, and apprentices) while maintaining a workforce almost entirely local to the Island.

—Jamie Abernethy, Project Director
Aecon Water Infrastructure

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Achieving meaningful, positive, social value, while remaining financially prudent, is a challenging balancing act for any organization. With the resources and best practices CCSPI has developed, through continued consultation with local suppliers and vendors, we are optimistic their members will be well equipped to realize measurable social benefits with their spending.

—Yosef Suna AScT, GSC
General Manager, Knappett Industries

 **Knappett**
INDUSTRIES

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A regional measurement framework will provide certainty for suppliers while also creating opportunities for CCSPI members to share best practices and improve the implementation of their social procurement policies.

—Heather Hachigian, Assistant Professor, Royal Roads University



Impact Measurement

CCSPI has partnered with Royal Roads University to develop a region-wide impact measurement framework that aligns with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Both procurement officials and the supplier community are engaged in developing meaningful and effective impact metrics and processes.

Looking Ahead

As Phase 1 draws to a close, this is a moment to reflect on all that has been achieved, and set our sights collectively on next steps.

Phase 2 will see CCSPI expand across British Columbia. The initiative will build on existing training, resources and learning and expand on supplier and vendor outreach and capacity building. BCSPI will create a connected network of local governments and institutional purchasers across the Province, who are implementing social procurement best practices. Phase 2 will also focus on the impact measurement tools and resources required to measure the impact of their social procurement, both by organization as well as across the region.



Next Steps:

→ 2021

Expand CCSPI membership on Vancouver Island and in the Coastal Communities, inviting participation from institutional purchasers like school boards, post-secondary institutions and health authorities.

→ 2022—2024

Expand CCSPI membership to more communities across British Columbia.

What Could Be Possible If...?

- ✓ By 2024 at least 100 local governments and institutional purchasers in BC have participated in CCSPI membership offerings
- ✓ Member governments and institutional purchasers are including social value outcomes in at least 50% of their procurement
- ✓ Suppliers have been engaged and submitted RFPs or other bid documents that meet or exceed local government and purchaser objectives and expectations
- ✓ Suppliers with no previous engagement with institutional purchasers have gained the capacity to bid and deliver on contracts
- ✓ CCSPI members are utilizing a common impact measurement framework, demonstrating in full the local community impacts and benefits of their purchasing practices.

Participating Organizations



Acknowledgements

CCSPI is supported by ICET. We acknowledge the leadership shown by the steering committee and local governments, organizations and institutions who are pioneering social procurement practices in our region and beyond.



Learn more about CCSPI at www.ccspi.ca

Become a member of CCSPI:
Contact Robert Fisher, Project Coordinator at
rfisher@scalecollaborative.ca

From: Fish Farms Out <fishfarmsoutpacificcoc@gmail.com>

Sent: August 3, 2021 2:48 PM

Subject: Asking your support for Fish Farms Out of Coastal Waters campaign by Council Of Canadians

Please find attached important information about our Council of Canadians 'Fish Farms Out Of Coastal Waters' campaign. We are requesting that this letter and the attached document be forwarded to your City or Municipality's Mayor and City Council for their consideration about publicly endorsing our campaign.

We are seeking your support and official endorsement of our campaign regarding fish farms in B.C. We advocate moving all open-net fish farms in coastal waters to closed-containment on land. We also call for immediate direct financial support for all impacted net-pen workers and workers in dependent and related businesses to retrain and transition to sustainable jobs. We hope that you will support our campaign by emailing us at fishfarmsoutpacificcoc@gmail.com with an official endorsement statement that we can use publicly, including sending to media.

Council of Canadians 'Fish Farms Out Of Coastal Waters' Campaign

COUNCIL OF CANADIANS SUPPORTS GETTING FISH FARMS OUT OF COASTAL WATERS ONTO LAND

The Council of Canadians ‘Fish Farms Out Of Coastal Waters’ campaign is committed to protecting wild fish and the ecosystems that support them. To this end, it is our firm belief that the open net-pen fish farm industry must move its operations out of the ocean and onto land, with immediate funding from federal and provincial governments for direct and indirect industry workers to help them transition to sustainable employment.

Wild salmon are at the heart of many First Nation communities, and a primary food source. Their protection is vital for sustaining people, cultures, and all related ecosystems and species. And yet, wherever in the world open-net fish farms operate, they spread parasites, viruses, bacteria, disease, and pollution – endangering and destroying wild fish and the marine ecosystem.

In B.C, the harm caused by open-net fish farms to wild salmon is undeniable, and many salmon runs are dangerously low and at risk of extinction. The open-net fish farm industry must take its operations out of the path of all wild salmon migrations –out of the oceans and onto land-based containment, shutting down the marine-based industry and immediately funding workers to transition to sustainable jobs.

For these reasons, we believe that the recent decision by Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) Minister Bernadette Jordan to close open-net fish farms in the Discovery Islands must stand. As biologist Alexandra Morton recently said, “Already this year, [fish farm company] Mowi has exceeded sea lice thresholds set to protect wild salmon in the Discovery Islands. They simply can’t control their lice and we cannot lose another generation of wild salmon to this industry. If they are allowed to restock farms in this region, we will lose the Fraser River sockeye. It is that simple.”

On paper, the Fisheries Act, the Species at Risk Act, and the Canadian Environmental Protection Act all include safeguards to protect fish, fish habitat, endangered species, and the marine environment. But in practice, the fish farm industry has too often violated the protective laws of these Acts without any penalty by the DFO. Meanwhile, the DFO continues to advocate for an expansion of the aquaculture industry. Shannon Arnold (Ecology Action Centre, Halifax, NS) and Karen Wristen (SeaChoice, Sointula BC) feel this is “making a mockery of Canada’s commitment to protect biological diversity and pursue sustainability.”

Proposed new laws are also seriously flawed. The new federal Aquaculture Act will exclude aquaculture activities from the application of the Fisheries Act.

There is some merit in the recently announced Pacific Salmon Strategy Initiative which includes the formation of a Pacific Salmon Secretariat. However, that initiative is in effect asking the fox to watch the chicken coop because it continues to rely on the dysfunctional, top-down model of the DFO overseeing data collection and operations.

First Nations leader Bob Chamberlin advocates “working at a government to government level” by inviting First Nations to fill DFO director-level positions affecting wild salmon and by creating a Director of Wild Salmon (Pacific Region) in partnership with First Nations. This proposal has been whole heartedly endorsed by many First Nations and environmentalists including Alexandra Morton.

If wild Pacific salmon are to survive, we need action now.

The Council of Canadians ‘Fish Farms Out Of Coastal Waters’ campaign calls on all affected people – First Nations, municipal and regional councils, businesses and local entrepreneurs, non-profits, and citizen groups – to work together to:

- Protect the migratory routes of wild Pacific salmon by removing all open-net fish farms from the ocean and replacing them with closed-containment fish farms on land
- Support federal and provincial government legislation and policies to provide immediate funding for all impacted open-net fish farm workers and others involved with the industry to help them transition to sustainable jobs
- Create a path towards a just recovery for the wild salmon economy
- Protect ocean ecologies from sewage and pollutants, and remove ocean debris
- Support sustainable green ocean initiatives and planning in recreation, transportation and jobs
- Ask for the world-class marine accident recovery service promised by provincial and federal governments
- Require the new Aquaculture Act to include aquaculture activities in the application of the Fisheries Act
- Invite First Nations to fill DFO director level positions that affect wild salmon and advocate for the creation of a new Director of Wild Salmon (Pacific Region) position in partnership with First Nations
- Support a Green New Deal

August 5, 2021 ~ Via EMAIL

Mayor Martin Davis and Council
Village of Tahsis
977 South Maquinna Drive
Tahsis, BC, V0P 1X0

**RE: 2020 CEPF: Flood Risk Assessment, Flood Mapping & Flood Mitigation
Planning – Flood Mitigation Preliminary Design Project**

Dear Mayor Davis and Council,

Thank you for providing a final report and financial summary for the above noted project. We have reviewed your submission and all reporting requirements have been met.

The final report notes a total eligible expenditure of \$173,413.84. Based on this, a payment in the amount of \$74,947.50 will follow shortly by electronic fund transfer. This transfer represents final payment of the grant and is based on 100% of the total reported expenditure (to a maximum of the approved grant of \$149,895.00) minus the initial payment of \$74,947.50 made in July, 2020.

I would like to congratulate the Village of Tahsis for undertaking this project and responding to the opportunity to ensure you have accurate knowledge of the flood hazards your community faces, and to develop effective strategies to mitigate and prepare for those risks.

If you have any questions, please contact Local Government Program Services at cepf@ubcm.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rebecca Bishop", is placed above the printed name.

Rebecca Bishop
Program Officer

cc: Mark Tatchell, CAO

The Community Emergency Preparedness Fund is funded by the Province of BC

From:
To: Fw: Minister of Health Response to Letter of June 7 August
Subject: 12, 2021 6:34:00 PM
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Sent: August 12, 2021 2:54:25 PM
To: Mark Tatchell
Cc: Rains, Derek HLTH:EX
Subject: Minister of Health Response to Letter of June 7

Thank you for your letter of June 7, 2021. Please find enclosed response from Minister Adrian Dix.

In British Columbia, the Office of the Registrar of Lobbyists is responsible for monitoring and enforcing compliance with the Lobbyists Registration Act. To ensure that you are in compliance with the registration requirements for lobbyists under the Act please contact the Office of the Registrar of Lobbyists at: <https://www.lobbyistsregistrar.bc.ca/>.



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Via email: c/o MTatchell@villageoftahsis.com

Their Worship Martin Davis
 Mayor of the Village of Tahsis
 977 South Maquinna Dr
 PO Box 219
 Tahsis BC V0P 1X0

Dear Mayor Davis and Tahsis Council:

Thank you for your letter of June 7, 2021, regarding ambulance services in small communities and your support for Mayor Colborne's letter regarding the new staffing model for emergency health services in Zeballos. I apologize for the delayed response.

On July 14, 2021, I announced new measures to strengthen BC's ambulance system. This includes a BC Emergency Health Services (BCEHS) Board of Directors to focus solely on ambulance services, as well as the appointment of a Chief Ambulance Officer responsible for day-to-day management of the BC Ambulance Service.

The announcement also included the addition of 85 new full-time paramedics, 30 full-time dispatchers, 22 new ambulances and the conversion of 22 rural ambulance stations to 24/7 ALPHA stations. In addition, I have directed BCEHS to contract a team of mental health and wellness professionals to work directly with dispatch staff and paramedics to address chronic stress, fatigue and support wellness among staff.

As you are aware, BCEHS has historically relied upon on-call paramedic staffing to maintain ambulance services in rural and remote communities in BC. The new Scheduled on Call (SOC) staffing model is aimed to provide stable and reliable employment opportunities for paramedics. It is one of the many changes being implemented as part of the 2019-2022 collective agreement with the ambulance paramedics' union, CUPE 873, and initiates the creation of more than 500 new paramedic positions across the province.

The SOC staffing model will see new, scheduled positions, with guaranteed wages and benefits created in rural and remote communities.

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As part of ongoing efforts to stabilize staffing and to ensure consistent emergency coverage in some of our smallest communities, including Zeballos and Tahsis, we have listened and are changing our plans. Zeballos and Tahsis will now be staffed by regular, part-time positions of an SOC community paramedic unit Chief, 2 SOC primary care paramedics, and an SOC community paramedic.

I understand Mayor Colborne met with BCEHS representatives on June 7, 2021. I encourage you to have an open dialogue with BCEHS regarding implementation of the SOC model. We continue to receive input on the model and are committed to ensure we have an effective pre-hospital system in British Columbia. Should you have any further questions, please contact Derek Rains, Executive Director, Provincial Services Branch, by email at Derek.Rains@gov.bc.ca or by phone at (250) 952-3008.

I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

Sincerely,



Adrian Dix
Minister

pc: Derek Rains, Executive Director, Provincial Services Branch

From: Ash Info <info@ash.ca>

Sent: August 10, 2021 10:43 AM

To: Reception Account <Reception@villageoftahsis.com>

Subject: Please take a moment to protect Canadian youth from flavoured vaping products.



CAO Mark Tatchell
Village of Tahsis
Box 219, 977 South Maquinna Drive
Tahsis BC V0P 1X0

August 10, 2021

Dear CAO Tatchell;

Re: Please take a moment to [protect Canadian youth](#) from flavoured vaping products.

Health Canada is proposing [new regulations](#) to restrict flavours in vaping products and the public consultation ends on Thursday, September 2.

Flavours are a primary driver of the youth vaping epidemic that involves over 400,000 school-aged youth according to the last [national survey](#).

If approved as drafted, the proposed Health Canada proposed regulations will ban all flavours with the exception of mint, menthol and tobacco.

However ASH and other prominent health organizations are [calling for a full ban on all flavours](#) with the exception of tobacco for the benefit of smokers who are trying to quit.

A recent [survey](#) of 3,000 youth vapers across Canada revealed that the top three flavour preferences are berry, mint/menthol and mango. Almost all youth vapers use flavoured products.

Health Canada initially exempted menthol flavours from a national ban on flavoured tobacco eight years ago. Health Canada should not repeat the [menthol mistake](#).

You can help ensure that youth are fully protected from all flavoured vaping products by urging Health Canada to ban all flavoured vaping products.

Please visit [ProtectCanadianKids.ca](https://www.protectcanadiankids.ca) to express your support. Time is of the essence.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important call to action.

Sincerely,



Les Hagen, M.S.M.

Executive Director

[Action on Smoking & Health \(ASH Canada\)](#)

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From: Jessie Christophersen <Jessie@rcbc.ca>

Sent: August 20, 2021 8:59 AM

Subject: Municipal Proclamation Request - Waste Reduction Week 2021

Proclaim Your Support for Waste Reduction Week in Canada!

Each year the [Recycling Council of British Columbia](#) (RCBC) organizes BC's involvement in observing this important week. We would like to ask all municipal councils in British Columbia to officially declare October 18th through 24th, 2021 as Waste Reduction Week in their respective communities.

[Waste Reduction Week in Canada](#) is intended to raise awareness about waste and its environmental and social impacts. The theme of Waste Reduction Week, "Too Good to Waste", is meant to draw attention to the richness and diversity of the natural world and the importance of working towards ecological sustainability through waste avoidance and resource conservation.

I have attached a sample Municipal Proclamation in PDF for your convenience. Of course, you are free to use your own Proclamation format if you prefer.

Completed Proclamations can be emailed, faxed or mailed as per the contact information below.

Thank you for your continued support of this important national event!

Regards,

Jessie

Jessie Christophersen

Information & Member Services Coordinator

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Fax: (604)683-7255

T: (604) 683-6009 ext. 317

If you require further information, please email back or call the Hotline at 604-732-9253 or 1-800-667-4321 outside the Lower Mainland.

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WASTE
REDUCTION
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IN CANADA

(Name of Municipality)

hereby recognizes

Waste Reduction Week in Canada **October 18-24, 2021**

As a municipality, we are committed to conserving resources, protecting the environment and educating the community.

We recognize the generation of solid waste and the needless waste of water and energy resources as global environmental problems and endeavor to take the lead in our community toward environmental sustainability.

We have declared October 18-24, 2021, Waste Reduction Week in

Municipality

Signed

Date

Name and Position



Please send this declaration to the Recycling Council of BC
By fax at 604-683-7255 or by email at wrw@rcbc.ca.
We thank you again for your commitment to waste reduction.

From: [Paula Kusack](#)
To: [Paula Kusack](#)
Cc: [Kelly Kenney](#)
Subject: LETTER - Request for Improvement to Pre-Hospital Care System
Date: July 29, 2021 11:29:59 AM
Attachments: [image001.gif](#)
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Good morning all,

On behalf of Langley City Council please accept the attached letter for your Council's information and consideration.

If you require any further information feel free to contact me.

Many thanks,

PAULA KUSACK
DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER

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July 29, 2021

Honourable Premier John Horgan
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Email: premier@gov.bc.ca

The Honourable Adrian Dix, M.L.A.
Minister of Health
PO Box 9050, Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Email: HLTH.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Dear Premier Horgan and Minister Dix:

Re: Improvement to Pre-Hospital Care System

At its July 26, 2021 Regular Council meeting, the Council for the City of Langley adopted the following resolution regarding the above-referenced subject.

WHEREAS local governments have been raising concerns of long delays with ambulance response time and First Responders responding to increasing number of Medical Emergency Service Alarm (MESA) calls due to lack of inadequate number of ambulances being available.

WHEREAS the recent heat wave exacerbated the shortcoming of the pre-hospital care system which created unacceptable delays in ambulance response time.

WHEREAS First Responders had to respond to extraordinary number of Medical Emergency Service Alarm (MESA) calls during the recent heat wave and endured unreasonable delays in response time by the ambulance to release them from the calls.

WHEREAS First Responders play an essential role in the pre-hospital care system and in supporting BC Emergency Health Services (BCEHS) with the delivery of the quickest possible response to patients requiring time-critical care.

WHEREAS the Auditor General of British Columbia's report, published in February 2019, on Access to Emergency Health Services provided recommendations to make transformational changes to the pre-hospital care system.


WHEREAS Health Minister Adrian Dix announced on July 14, 2021 to improve ambulance response time by providing funding for 85 new full-time paramedics, 30 fulltime dispatchers, 22 new ambulances, and converting 22 rural ambulance stations to 24/7 ALPHA stations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of BC and BC Emergency Health Services (BCEHS) immediately allocate the funding to improve ambulance response

time; and to improve coordination with fire departments to support consistent application of medical standards, information sharing, an integrated dispatch system, and improvements to patient care as recommended in the Auditor General report.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Minister Dix take concrete actions to treat First Responders as an equal and an integral partner of the pre-hospital care system with adequate support (e.g. training) and resources (e.g. cost recovery) in order to achieve this goal; and that this motion be forward to Premier John Horgan; Minister Adrian Dix, Minister of Health; Andrew Mercier, MLA Langley, Susan Wannamaker, Executive Vice President, Clinical Service Delivery, Provincial Health Services Authority; and All municipalities in BC.

Yours truly,
CITY OF LANGLEY



Paula Kusack
Deputy Corporate Officer

cc: Andrew Mercier, MLA Langley
Susan Wannamaker, Executive Vice President, Clinical Service Delivery,
Provincial Health Services Authority
All municipalities in BC.

From: Leslie Gaudette <coscozoom@gmail.com>

Sent: August 26, 2021 12:42 PM

Subject: Invitation to COSCO Conference ~ Living in the 21st Century : A Seniors' Strategy ~ Sept 27 & 28

To Mayor and Council

This is to invite you or a representative from your local government to our upcoming 2021 COSCO Conference to be held virtually via Zoom.

Monday September 27, 2021

Tuesday September 28, 2021

The attached program and letter of invitation provide details of the world-class speakers who will discuss major issues and their vision for the future. We are looking for your input as well to help shape our future directions. We appreciate your support of past conferences as your leadership is so important to ensuring age-friendly communities and policies are in place that benefit all generations.

For further information including updated program information please visit www.coscobc.org.

On behalf of the conference committee, we look forward to welcoming you to our conference.

Yours truly

Sheila Pither

**President,
Council of Senior Citizens' Organizations of BC (COSCO BC)**



Council of Senior Citizens' Organizations of BC

Representing seniors in British Columbia since 1950

www.coscobc.org

August 2021

Re: Virtual Conference ~ Living in the 21st Century: A Seniors' Strategy

Dear Mayor and Council

Please consider this your personal invitation for you or a representative from your community to attend this important and timely national conference. This virtual conference, co-sponsored by the New Horizons for Seniors Program, the BC Retired Teachers Association, the BC Government Retired Employees Association and the BC Government and Service Employees' Union will be held September 27 and 28, 2021.

Major challenges and opportunities face seniors, our families and our communities. As one of 400 conference participants, you will help identify public policies that will help us find the best way forward. World class speakers will discuss major issues and outline their visions for the future. Issues affecting today's older adults range from healthy aging to human rights, housing needs, technology, social isolation and long-term care, have all come to the forefront during the pandemic. We must work together to address them as we build inclusive, sustainable, age-friendly communities.

Our roster of speakers includes:

- **Pat Armstrong**, Canadian expert on long term care who will provide guidelines for change in a positive direction.
- **Kasari Govender**, BC's Commissioner of Human Rights who will set the scene on rights for older adults now and in the future.
- **David Eby**, BC's Attorney General and Minister responsible for Housing who will provide the perspective of the BC provincial government.
- **Isobel Mackenzie**, the BC Seniors Advocate, will provide insights into the latest trends that will inform the future of the lives of older adults.

These and other experts – as you'll see in the attached preliminary program – will address plenary sessions. We have also assembled high level panels to present and debate current viewpoints on key issues. Workshops will give participants the opportunity to discuss and

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share their first-hand experience, and to determine how we can move forward to build communities and public policies that work for all generations.

This unique conference will be of interest to everyone who cares about civil society, and of particular interest to:

- Individual seniors and seniors' representatives from across B.C. and Canada.
- Municipal councillors and planners, social planning representatives, parks and recreation and health authority representatives.
- MLAs, Members of Parliament and First Nations.
- Federal and provincial departments dealing with seniors.
- Non-governmental organizations such as social planning councils, senior and community centre representatives, agencies working with seniors, unions, and advocacy groups.

We urge municipal councils to sponsor representatives from seniors' advisory committees to attend. We hope that every municipality in the province will send at least one representative. We encourage **ministries** to sponsor delegates from provincial seniors' coordinating bodies. We ask **unions** to sponsor members who work with seniors. Finally we invite **NGOs** including social planning councils, community centres, advocacy group and all who work with seniors to participate.

You may register for this conference at www.coscobc.org. More information about the conference is included in the preliminary program. The registration fee of \$25 will include a complimentary copy of the final conference report that will be mailed to all conference participants. ***Please register early!*** We are able to accommodate just 400 delegates.

As the organizers of this conference, the Council of Senior Citizens' Organizations of B.C. (COSCO) believes seniors and their organizations must contribute directly to developing the policies that affect their lives to ensure the policies are fair and just.

We thank the conference sponsors together with a number of organizations which have provided support. We look forward to you or a representative at this conference.

Yours truly,

Sheila Pither

Sheila Pither
COSCO President

Attachment: preliminary conference program



Living

IN THE 21ST CENTURY

A SENIORS' STRATEGY

Conference Program

Virtual Conference by Zoom

Monday Sept. 27 and Tuesday Sept. 28, 2021

Please check www.coscobc.org for the latest conference updates

PRELIMINARY



BC GOVERNMENT AND SERVICE EMPLOYEES' UNION
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**New
Horizons
for Seniors
Program**

Day one

Monday, September 27, 2021

8:30 am Conference call to order.

Welcome and greetings:

- Sheila Pither, COSCO President
- Garnet Grosjean, Conference Facilitator
- Debra Sparrow, Musqueam First Nation
- Malcolm Brodie, Mayor of Richmond.

8:45 am Conference Dedication to Art Kube, Lorraine Logan and Pat Brady

- Gudrun Langolf and Sheila Pither

9:00 am Keynote Speaker:

- David Eby, Attorney General of B.C. and Minister responsible for Housing

9:30 am Keynote Speaker:

- Isobel Mackenzie, B.C. Seniors Advocate
(*Looking to the Future for Older Adults*)

10:00 am Panel Discussion: Rights for Older Adults

- Alison Leaney,
B.C. Public Guardian and Trustee
Legislation and continuum of support.
- Sherry Baker,
B.C. Community Response Networks
Preventing and dealing with elder abuse.
- Connie Newman,
Canadian Deprescribing Network
Championing medication safety in Manitoba
- Andy Yan,
Urban Studies, Simon Fraser University (TBC)
Seniors housing needs

10:40 am Comfort and stretch break, participants move to workshops.

11:00 am Workshops

1. Public Guardian & Trustee workshop.

- Alison Leaney.
- Moderator: Diane Wood

2. Preventing and Dealing with Elder Abuse.

- Sherry Baker.
- Moderator: Jerry Gosling

3. Promoting Safe Medication Use.

- Camille Gagnon and Janet Currie,
- Canadian Deprescribing Network
- Moderator: Leslie Gaudette

4. Seniors Housing Needs.

- Andy Yan (TBC)
- Moderator: Annette O'Connor

12:00 Lunch break and visit sponsor rooms

1:00 pm Keynote speaker:

- Mable Elmore, Parliamentary Secretary for Seniors' Services and Long Term Care

1:30 pm Panel Discussion: Strategies for Seniors Health

- Jim Sinclair, Board Chair,
Fraser Health Authority
Challenges in providing community health care to older adults.
- Andrew Wister
Social isolation and older adults due to the pandemic.
- Jay Chalke, B.C. Ombudsperson
Status of Ombudsperson Recommendations for seniors care.
- Peggy Edwards
Healthy Aging in Canada

2:10 pm Comfort & stretch break, while moving to breakout rooms for workshops.

2:15 pm Workshops

1. Health Authorities – Going Forward.

- Jim Sinclair
- Moderator: Barb Mikulec.

2. Healthy Aging in Canada.

- Peggy Edwards
- Moderator: Barry Jones.

3. Social isolation of older adults due to the pandemic.

- Andrew Wister
- Moderator: Albert Lemmonier.

4. Ombudsperson “The Best of care” document from 2012 – progress and suggested actions.

- Jay Chalke
- Moderator: Agnes Jackman.

3:15 pm Adjournment

Day two

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

9:00 am Conference Call to Order

- Garnet Grosjean and Sheila Pither

9:15 am Keynote Speaker:

- Shirley Bond, Interim Leader,
B.C. Provincial Opposition

9:45 am Keynote Speaker:

- Kasari Govender,
B.C. Commissioner of Human Rights.
Human rights of older adults

10:15 am National strategies for Living in the 21st Century

- Andrew Sixsmith
Seniors and technology
- Linda Fawcus
Helping older adults stay connected

11:15 am Comfort & stretch break. Time to visit sponsors' rooms.

11:45 am Addressing Long Term Care and Ageism

- Pat Armstrong
Guidelines for changing long-term care in a positive direction.
- Martine Lagacé
Ageism

12:45 pm Summing up the conference

- Peggy Edwards
Next Steps

1:00 pm Closing of the Conference:

- Sheila Pither and Garnet Grosjean
Acknowledgements and Final Comments

Acknowledgements

COSCO acknowledges that our technical headquarters for this conference is located on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Musqueam people.

We also acknowledge our conference sponsors and thank them for their support.

Major Sponsors

- New Horizons for Seniors Program
- British Columbia Retired Teachers Association
- B.C. Government and Service Employees' Union
- British Columbia Government Retired Employees Association

Sponsors

- Labourers Advancement Fund
- Health Sciences Association

Conference Committee:

Conference Chair: Sheila Pither

Conference Facilitator: Garnet Grosjean

Committee members: Betty Bolton, Leslie Gaudette, Jerry Gosling, Gudrun Langolf, Barbara Mikulec, Annette O'Connor, Irv Rootman, Jean Sickman and the late Pat Brady

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About COSCO

The Council of Senior Citizens' Organizations of British Columbia is a democratic, non-partisan umbrella organization with over 65 affiliated organizations representing 80,000 seniors. COSCO is recognized as a leader for social change affecting seniors. Our motto is seniors helping seniors.

COSCO was founded 71 years ago by retired railroad workers to provide an effective voice for seniors in British Columbia. The purpose of COSCO is "to assemble, coordinate and advance proposals and resolutions related to the health, social and economic well-being of elder citizens in the province."

Our organization is governed by a monthly delegates meeting and a 19 member Executive Board. All work is done by volunteers. A major focus is promoting good health. The Seniors' Health and Wellness Institute – COSCO provides free workshops on 45 topics on healthy living, legal and financial, personal planning and safety. More than 50,000 people have attended. Visit www.seniorshelpingseniors.ca for more info.

COSCO is a proud member of the over one million member National Pensioners' Federation, which advocates for seniors at the national level. nationalpensionersfederation.ca

Choices. Solutions. Options. Register today.

Major challenges and opportunities face seniors, our families, and our communities

WE MUST find the best way forward. That's why the Council of Senior Citizens' Organizations of B.C. is organizing this important virtual conference.

Ideas. Facts. Leading edge research on issues that affect us all. You'll hear all that and more from our impressive speakers and presenters.

Equally important, a series of workshops will invite participants to share their experiences and wisdom.

We invite you to plan to participate, to learn and to contribute your insights as we work to build inclusive, sustainable, age-friendly communities.

Who should participate?

This virtual conference will be of particular interest to:

- Seniors and seniors' representatives.
- Municipal councillors and planners, parks and recreation, and health authority representatives.
- MLAs, MPs and First Nations.
- Federal and provincial departments dealing with seniors.
- NGOs such as social planning councils, community centre representatives, advocacy groups, and everyone who works with seniors.

For more information:

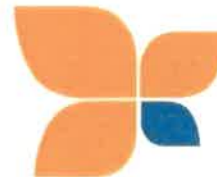
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- www.coscobic.org

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- The Conference fee of \$25 includes the final conference report.
- Recommended Registration Deadline: Friday September 17
(This will help ensure you obtain your preferred workshop and times for orientation sessions)
- The final program will be emailed to conference participants before the start of the conference.
This will contain links to the conference and the training sessions.

Zoom Orientation Sessions

- Zoom Orientation Sessions for conference attendees will be held on:
Monday September 20 at 10 am and 1 pm (Pacific Time)
Thursday September 23 at 10 am and 1 pm.



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Program design by Soren Bech



August 27, 2021

Ref: 268161

Mayors and Regional District Chairs of British Columbia

Dear Mayors and Chairs:

I am writing to provide you with an update on the [recently announced proof of vaccination](#) and [mandatory mask requirements](#) to stop the spread of COVID-19. **Starting Sept. 13, 2021**, proof of vaccination will be required in B.C. for people attending certain social and recreational settings and events. **As of August 25, 2021**, masks are mandatory in indoor public spaces.

I first wish to acknowledge the many people and communities in B.C. continuing to face the crisis of wildfires. I know that in many places you and your residents are under intense stress, facing evacuation orders and alerts and the impact of wildfires' destructive force. Please know that our thoughts and support are with you, along with our deep gratitude for the courage, tireless work and dedication to community demonstrated by you and your staff in this emergency.

Turning again to the recently announced proof of vaccination requirement I would like to acknowledge the extraordinary efforts local governments have made – and continue to make – to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic in your communities. I know there is particular interest in how the proof of vaccination requirement will apply to local government business, especially in relation to conducting council/board meetings and public hearings.

The focus of the proof of vaccination requirement is on choice – businesses, places, and activities that people can choose to attend and support if they are vaccinated. That would include, for example, places such as gyms, pools and recreational facilities. The Provincial Health Officer has indicated that it is the intention that the proof of vaccination requirement **won't apply** to formal local government business, including by-elections, council/board meetings and public hearings for both council/board members as well as the public attending these events. The Provincial Health Officer is working on finalizing the formal written order which will outline the specifics. The ministry will provide you with more detailed information once the final order has been published.

The proof of vaccination requirement is not mandatory for employment at this time, other than in specific areas of the health care system starting with Long Term Care, Assisted Living and some other residential care facilities. Employers are accountable for ensuring their workers' safety, further to WorkSafeBC direction (see <https://www.worksafebc.com/en/covid-19/bcs-four-step-restart>) and should

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have in place communicable disease plans – including a requirement to stay home when sick, mask wearing where appropriate and regular hand washing. Employers, including local governments, may choose to adopt their own vaccination policies beyond the designated settings but would be responsible for doing their own due diligence.

As noted above, as of August 25, 2021, [masks are mandatory in all indoor public spaces](#) to help slow the transmission of COVID-19 as B.C. prepares for the fall and respiratory illness season. Subject to some exemptions, people 12 years and older must wear masks in indoor public spaces, regardless of vaccination status. These settings include, but are not limited to city halls, libraries, community and recreation centres, areas of office buildings where services to the public are provided, and common areas of sport and fitness centres when not engaged in physical activity.

Here is a summary of the general rules for the proof of vaccination requirement:

[Proof of vaccination](#) – how it works

The requirement applies to all people age 12 years and older. People visiting from outside of B.C. are also required to show proof of vaccination.

There are two key dates:

As of Sept. 13, people in British Columbia will be required to be **partially vaccinated** with at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine to access certain businesses and events.

As of Oct. 24, people in British Columbia will be required to be **fully immunized**, at least seven days after receiving two doses of COVID-19 vaccine, to access the same list of businesses and events.

Here is the current list of settings where proof of vaccination will be required:

- indoor ticketed sporting events
- indoor ticketed concerts/theatre/dance/symphony events
- indoor and outdoor dining at restaurants, pubs, and bars
- night clubs and casinos
- movie theatres
- fitness centres/gyms/pools/recreation facilities (excluding youth recreational sport)
- indoor high-intensity group exercise activities
- organized indoor events (e.g. weddings, parties, conferences, meetings, workshops)
- discretionary organized indoor group recreational classes and activities such as pottery and art classes, but does not include K to 12 school and before and after school programs
- post secondary on-campus student housing (students must be partially vaccinated by September 7)

The requirement is in place until January 31, 2022, subject to possible extension.

Showing proof of vaccination

Individuals will be able to confidentially access their proof of vaccination through a secure website. A web link will be provided and publicized widely before September 13. Individuals will be able to save a

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copy of their proof of vaccination to their phone to show when entering or using designated businesses and events. A second, secure option will be provided for people who can't access the website.

We all know the best way to get through this pandemic are vaccines; I would ask for your support to encourage the residents in your communities to get vaccinated. Getting vaccinated is the best choice to protect ourselves, the people we love, and our communities.

Keep watching [BC's Response to COVID-19](#) website for updates. We will continue to work with you over the coming weeks, so that you have the support and information you need to move forward based on the new Provincial Health Officer Orders.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Faganello', with a stylized, flowing script.

Tara Faganello
Assistant Deputy Minister

pc: Chief Administrative Officers
Gary MacIsaac, Executive Director, UBCM
Nancy Taylor, Executive Director, LGMA
Todd Pugh, Executive Director, CivicInfo

VILLAGE OF TAHSIS

Report to Council

To: Mayor and Council

From: Chief Administrative Officer

Date: August 4, 2021

Re: Electronic Council meetings and public hearings

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

This report addresses the bylaw amendments and technology options for implementing electronic council meetings and public hearings to meet the requirements of Bill 10 (*Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2021*), based on Council resolution 0286/2021.

OPTIONS/ALTERNATIVES

1. Draft the necessary bylaw amendments and purchase smart television, camera and laptop to implement Council resolution 0286/2021 and to meet the statutory requirements allowing participants to watch and hear proceedings.
2. Draft the necessary bylaw amendments to implement Council resolution 0286/2021 and to meet the statutory requirements allowing allow all participants to hear, but not all to watch and hear, proceedings.
3. Carry out public consultation to assess voter support for electronic meetings and public hearings before proceeding.
4. Reconsider Council resolution 0286/2021.
5. Any other option that Council deems appropriate.

BACKGROUND:

Under the *Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2021* ("Bill 10"), which comes into effect on September 29th, Council can conduct meetings electronically as long as the public can attend electronically or in person to hear, or watch and hear, the meeting proceedings that are open to the public. In practicable terms, this means that if Council wishes to allow participants (Council members, staff, guests and the public) to attend electronically, participants attending in person and those attending electronically have to be able to hear or hear and watch the full proceedings.

At its July 19th special meeting, Council passed a resolution that approved meetings and public hearings could be held entirely electronically meaning that all participants, including all members of Council, staff, guests and the public, could attend remotely.

Under Bill 10, Council must provide a place for the public to attend in person to hear or watch and hear if a meeting or public hearing is being held electronically.

Ministry staff have confirmed, short of offering a legal opinion, that Bill 10 permits all members of Council to participate in a meeting or public hearing remotely (electronically) as long as this procedure is authorized under Council's procedure bylaw.

OPTION SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS

Option 1:

- Purchase smart television, camera and laptop for use in Council Chambers (or other settings).
- All members of Council, guests, staff and the public could participate in person or remotely via Zoom or by phone.
- Public would be permitted to attend in person at Council Chambers and hear and watch Council in person and/or on the smart television. If a member of Council could only participate by phone, the public would be able to hear, but not watch, which still meets the legal requirements.
- Those attending in person would be broadcast through the camera to those attending remotely.
- Additional staff would be required to operate the broadcast equipment at each open meeting and public hearing.
- Smart television is recommended (versus a screen) as it would not require reconfiguration of Council chambers and could be used in other settings or meetings and would be less intrusive.

Option 2:

- Council members, staff, guests and the public could attend in person or remotely by Zoom or phone.
- Public would be permitted to attend in person at Council Chambers where they could watch and hear the members of Council in person and hear members of Council joining by Zoom or phone.
- Public participating remotely via Zoom would be able to watch and hear members of Council and others also participating via Zoom and hear those participating in person and those participating remotely by phone.
- Members of the public attending in person would be able to hear Council members and others attending remotely.
- No additional staff would be required to operate equipment (phone).

Option 3:

- Before proceeding with any option, Council to consult with the public through social media, web or survey to gauge public opinion on convening open Council meetings and public hearings remotely.

Option 4:

- Resolution 286/2021 states that “All Council members and the public to attend in person or electronically (requires purchase and operation of new technology to meet legal requirements”.
- Council could reconsider this resolution if a different approach was desired.

POLICY/LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS:

1. *Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2021* (“Bill 10”)
2. Council Procedure Bylaw No. 495, (Consolidated 2012)
3. *Community Charter*, s. 124 (below)

Procedure bylaws

124 (1)A council must, by bylaw, establish the general procedures to be followed by council and council committees in conducting their business.

(2) Without limiting the matters that may be dealt with under this section, a council must, by bylaw, do the following:

- (a)establish rules of procedure for council meetings, including the manner by which resolutions may be passed and the manner by which bylaws may be adopted in accordance with Division 3 [*Bylaw Procedures*] of this Part;
- (b)establish rules of procedure for meetings of council committees;
- (c)provide for the taking of minutes of council meetings and council committee meetings, including requiring certification of those minutes;
- (d)provide for advance public notice respecting the time, place and date of council committee meetings and establish the procedures for giving that notice;
- (e)identify places that are to be public notice posting places for the purposes of section 94 [*public notice*];

(f) establish the procedure for designating a person under section 130 *[designation of member to act in place of the mayor]*;

(g) establish the first regular council meeting date referred to in section 125 (1) *[council meetings]* as a day in the first 10 days of November following a general local election.

(3) A bylaw under this section must not be amended, or repealed and substituted, unless the council first gives notice in accordance with section 94 *[public notice]* describing the proposed changes in general terms.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Implementing Option 1 will require an estimated \$5,000.00 in equipment and additional staffing costs to operate the equipment during open meetings and public hearings held after regular business hours. The Options 2 is cost neutral. Option 3 could entail minor costs depending on the type of public engagement. The cost of Option 4 would be dependent on Council's ultimate decision.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

No recommendation

Respectfully submitted:



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